

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LAGOS 01546 091608Z

ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 IO-13 ISO-00 PM-04 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00

INR-07 NSAE-00 DODE-00 DHA-02 ACDA-07 OMB-01 /065 W

-----091955Z 111488 /41

R 091423Z FEB 77

FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9200

INFO USMISSION USUN NEWYORK

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 1546

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XA, US

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S CONVERSATION WITH BOTSWANA VICE PRESIDENT

QUETT MASIRE

1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG MET WITH BOTSWANA VICE PRESIDENT MASIRE FEBRUARY 6 TO REVIEW SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS. MASIRE OPENED THE CONVERSATION BY SAYING THAT BOTSWANA HAD A VERY LARGE REFUGEE PROBLEM. RECENTLY ABOUT 500 STUDENTS HAD WALKED INTO BOTSWANA. THE GROUPS COMING IN ARE NOT FRIENDLY TO ONE ANOTHER AND ARE FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS. HE ASKED FOR AMERICAN ASSISTANCE.

2. MASIRE SAID SMITH CAN ONLY SURVIVE AS LONG AS HE IS SUPPORTED BY VORSTER. KISSINGER SHOULD HAVE COME EARLIER TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE SHOULD HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THERE ARE OTHER PARTIES WHICH NEED TO BE CONSULTED. AMBASSADOR YOUNG ASKED IF THERE WERE ANYONE IN RHODESIA WITH WHOM BOTSWANA WAS IN REGULAR CONTACT AND MASIRE SAID NO.

HE SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO TALK TO OTHER

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LAGOS 01546 091608Z

WHITES WHILE SMITH IS STILL THERE.

3. AMBASSADOR YOUNG ASKED ABOUT BOTSWANA'S VIEWS ON THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. MASIRE EVADED THE QUESTION AND SAID THAT VORSTER IS THE MAN WHO HOLDS THE CARDS; THE GAME IS OVER WHEN VORSTER SAYS IT IS OVER. TURNING BACK TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, MASIRE SAID THE FRONT WAS ANNOYED WHEN IT APPEARED THAT THEY

WERE NEGOTIATING WITH THE UK RATHER THAN SMITH. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT CAN BE BROUGHT BACK TO GENEVA.

4. AMBASSADOR YOUNG ASKED MASIRE FOR HIS EVALUATION OF IVOR RICHARD. MASIRE SAID RICHARD WENT TO GENEVA WITH HIGH HOPES BUT BECAME DISILLUSIONED. MUCH TIME WAS WASTED IN GENEVA AND SMITH REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE, ONLY TALKING WITH THE PRESS ABOUT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

5. AMBASSADOR YOUNG SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE US WOULD GET INVOLVED MILITARILY. WE COULD ONLY GET INVOLVED IN A PEACEFUL WAY, IN PURSUIT OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE FRONT LINE STATES. MASIRE SAID IF THE UN AND THE US AVOIDED INVOLVEMENT, THEN IT WAS UP TO THE FRONT LINE STATES WHO HELD THE CARDS. THERE WERE FAULTS ON THE SIDE OF THE NATIONALISTS, BUT HE BELIEVED THEY COULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO NEGOTIATIONS.

6. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE MASIRE MAY HAVE MISSPOKEN WHEN HE ASSERTED THAT THE FRONT WAS ANNOYED THAT IT APPEARED THEY WERE NEGOTIATING WITH THE UK RATHER THAN SMITH. THIS IS THE REVERSE OF THE POSITION OF OTHER FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS.  
EASUM

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** REFUGEE RELIEF, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, STUDENTS, MEETINGS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 09-Feb-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977LAGOS01546  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770046-0902  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** LAGOS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770259/aaaacaby.tel  
**Line Count:** 85  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 59df18c9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION AF  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 03-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3367346  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S CONVERSATION WITH BOTSWANA VICE PRESIDENT QUETT MASIRE  
**TAGS:** PFOR, XA, US, BC, (YOUNG, ANDREW), (MASIRE, QUETT)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/59df18c9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009